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## 2 GROUP MEETINGS WERE HELD SAT.

Rev. J. A. Campbell Spoke At Pleasant Grove; Mr. C. U. Harris at Polenta

Group Commencements were quite in order last week in certain parts of the county. On Friday one was held at Benson, one at Wilson's Mills and one at Brogden. We hope to publish accounts of these meetings in an early issue. Saturday, group meetings were held at Pleasant Grove and Polenta. The Herald had the privilege of being represented at the last named places spending the morning at Pleasant Grove and the afternoon at Polenta.

As we drove up at Pleasant Grove, a large crowd was assembled, and the parade of 500 school children was just breaking ranks. We were told of the inspiring picture which they made, each school marching together and bearing their pennants aloft. Each school had its song and yell being a manifestation of the fine school spirit which seemed to characterize the entire group.

Following the parade the crowd assembled near the improvised platform in front of the building where the speaking took place. Mr. Turner Johnson, principal of the Pleasant Grove school, introduced County Superintendent W. H. Hipps who made a brief talk, and then introduced the special speaker for the occasion. Rev. J. A. Campbell, who is at the head of Buie's Creek Academy. Mr. Campbell, who is doing such a great educational work with his school, was particularly fitted to give a message to those present from the subject "The Call For Men." He spoke of how the world is in need of men and women with strong minds in strong bodies trained for service. His words were forceful and well received.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Hipps delivered the diplomas to the seventh grade graduates of the group and also certificates for perfect attendance.

It was a splendid scene to see those twenty-seven boys and girls circle around that platform to receive the rewards of their efforts in school. Seven schools participated in this group, the graduates being as follows: Pleasant Grove: Harvey Ennis, Ethel May Allen, Wade Dupree, Mary Honeycutt, Lettie Stephenson, Agnes Honeycutt, Floyd Stephenson, Annie Stephenson; Piney Forest: Vernon Austin, Cora Parrish and Ivanella Austin; High Tower: Mayme Holland, Jimmie Barbour, Myrtle Stephenson, Mildred Jones, Pearl Dupree, Theodore Jones, Otis Barber and Pauline Wester; Piney Grove: Rixie McGee, Virgie Honeycutt, Callie Langdon; Mount Zion: Louise Wrenn and Charles McCullers; Ogburn Grove: Bessie Ogburn and John Ogburn; Sunny Nook: Callie Benson.

A goodly number received certificates for perfect attendance and after all the schools close, it is our purpose to publish a complete list of all in the county who won this distinction.

After this part of the program came one of the best dinners we ever saw spread out any where. After doing full justice to the spread, we had to leave in order to go to Polenta. Our correspondent has promised to furnish us with prize winners and further information about the exercises of the day, which will come out in a later issue.

As we reached Polenta, the greasy pole topped by a greenback was the center of attraction, and several were endeavoring to obtain the prize. The pole, however, proved too slippery for anyone to reach the top.

In a few moments after our arrival, the crowd was invited to enter the building where the address of the day was scheduled to take place. The school rooms which were thrown together, were beautiful—decorated with long leaf pine, which we love to associate with any North Carolina occasion. It seemed particularly appropriate when the speaker, Mr. Charles U. Harris, a well-known member of the Raleigh bar, announced his subject: "North Carolina, the Land of Opportunity." He spoke of the sand hill pine section of the state as he reviewed the past 20 years of achievement and used that section as an illustration of the new things which North Carolina is finding out. The speaker stated however, that the

## ARCHER LODGE SCHOOL CLOSED LAST FRIDAY

Application Has Been Made for Loan For New School House; 207 In School District.

Mr. J. J. Ammons, of Asheville, who has been principal of the school at Archer Lodge for the past two years was in Smithfield last Friday afternoon for a brief visit. He stated that he had that day closed the term for the present year and thinks that some great progress is now manifesting itself in the school.

This is one of the schools in the county where the school truck has been in use, the Pikeville, one teacher school having been added to the district two years ago. The district now numbers 207, 196 of which have been enrolled during the term just closed. The daily average attendance for the year has been 136. Four teachers have been employed.

The Archer Lodge school building, like several more of the county, is entirely too small for the number of students in the district. The primary work of the school this year has been carried out in the church building near the school house. Application for a State loan of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting a building suitable to the needs of the district has been made, and the committee and patrons of the school hope that the work of rebuilding may start right at once.

## Church Organized at Davis Mill

A Commission appointed at the recent meeting of the Fayetteville Presbytery, composed of Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn, Rev. L. Smith, of Fayetteville, Rev. A. T. Lassiter and Mr. Preston Woodall, of Benson, Rev. Neill McInnis and Dr. L. D. Wharton, of this city, organized a Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at the old Davis mill with 22 members. Mr. J. E. Edwards and Mr. J. W. Hughes were elected and ordained elders. The election of deacons and the selection of a name for the church was left until some future time. Prior to the organization, Rev. A. R. McQueen delivered a forceful sermon from the text, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

There is already a flourishing Sunday School at this church. Last Sunday 82 were in Sunday school there.

## Hospital Notes.

Norwood Holland had his appendix removed Friday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. Hubert Crumpler from Selma, was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday. His condition is much improved.

Mrs. Sam Oliver underwent an operation Friday, and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Lonnie Capps was operated on Friday and again Sunday. She is doing very well.

Mr. Chas. F. Johnson was admitted to the hospital Friday for treatment.

old North State was just on the threshold of development, and pointed out that on the boys and girls of today will be the responsibility of future development.

When Mr. Harris concluded his speech, a drill was given by Johnson school and a short play by Smith school.

By this time the State College band had arrived from Raleigh and everybody repaired to the grounds to see the Baptist Center school.

At 5:45 a community sing led by Miss Margaret Newell was enjoyed after which a camp supper was in order.

The evening program consisted of a pantomime by Shiloh school, a play and musical recital by the Polenta school, the graduation Exercises of the Seventh grade and an address by Col. Fred A. Olds of Raleigh.

Those receiving seventh grade certificates were as follows: Polenta: Hattie Jones, Delia Ellington, Addie Barber, Mondiew Watkins, Charlotte Barber; Baptist Center: Annie Lee Gower, Amanda Harrison, Erma Hill, Roy Talton, Vivian Hardee and Ralph Canaday; Shiloh: Lottie Coats and Clifton Franks; Smith school: R. Hunter Lassiter; Johnson school: Emily Powell; Royall (Elevation): Lorine Durham, Floyd Johnson, Robt. Johnson, Josiah Allen, and Johnny Byrd.

## FIRE IN HEART OF BUSINESS DISTRICT

Destroys Davis Department Stores and L. E. Watson Grocery Store

Three store buildings in the center of town, the entire stock of dry goods and clothing of the Davis Department stores and the stock of groceries belonging to Mr. L. E. Watson were totally demolished by fire early Sunday morning.

About three o'clock the telephone of the Davis stores flashed a light in the telephone exchange. The operator listened in and concluded from the queer sounds that burglars were breaking in the store. She called the Davis residence and told of her fears. By that time, the phone in Watson's store made a similar flash. She thought of fire then, and looking out of the window saw a cloud of smoke. Without further investigation, the operator aroused Mr. J. W. Phillips, who lives next door to the telephone exchange who immediately turned in the alarm.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. It seemed to have originated in the rear of the Davis buildings which occupy a square on fronting Third Street and one Market Street. There being no brick partition between the Davis building and the one occupied by Mr. L. E. Watson the flames soon spread in that direction. The brick walls on the other side saved Hood Bros. drug store from destruction. The local fire companies worked hard in their efforts to extinguish the flames and it is due to their work that the entire block was not destroyed. The colored fire company did especially good work.

Losers by the fire are Mr. Charles Davis who owned two of the buildings and the stock of dry goods, shoes and clothing. Mr. Lee Jones, who owned the other store building, and Mr. L. E. Watson, owner of the stock of groceries. The entire loss is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$150,000, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Watson had \$2,000 insurance on his stock of groceries and Mr. Jones carried \$2,000 on his building. Mr. Davis does not yet know the exact amount he had on his property.

Mr. Davis was not in the city during the fire. He closed his store about 11 o'clock and left on the midnight train for Norfolk, Va., where he had been called on account of the illness of his mother. He was notified of the fire and returned home immediately. He informs us that it is his intention to replace the buildings with a modern up-to-date structure. He hopes to be ready to open up again in about ninety days.

## Quietly Marries in Raleigh Friday.

Mr. W. G. Thomas and Miss Lena Massengill were quietly married last Friday afternoon in Raleigh. Miss Massengill lives in Fuquay Springs with her mother and is a native of Johnston county, having moved to Fuquay Springs about a year ago. She is a graduate of Pineland School for girls at Salemburg, N. C. Mr. Thomas is a druggist and is located at Varina. He came from Raleigh about two years. We wish both of these popular young people a happy journey along the rugged highway of life.—Fuquay-Varina Weekly.

## Reaches Seventy Thousand Growers

RALEIGH, April 24.—The Tobacco Cooperative Association has printed 70,000 copies of the speech of Robt. W. Bingham, the North Carolinian who has led the Kentucky Burley Growers Association to success and recently addressed enthusiastic audiences of business men and farmers in Raleigh and Goldsboro, N. C.

Judge Bingham's speech will be mailed this week to every member of the Association from the northern limit of the tobacco area in Virginia to the Georgia line in the Tri-State Tobacco Grower, the official organ of the 70,000 organized tobacco farmers.

## Silver Tea at Four Oaks.

The Missionary Society of the Four Oaks Baptist church will hold a Silver Tea Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock over the store of L. G. Stevens & Co.

## CAPT. COLLIER DIES SUDDENLY

His Death Occurred at His Home at Goldsboro A Shock to Friends

Friends here will learn with regret of the sudden death of Capt. J. C. Collier, which occurred at his home in Goldsboro Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Capt. Collier was in here Saturday attending to business, and after returning to his home was taken with a chill. He was quite sick all night but Sunday afternoon was better and decided to get up. While he was dressing he fell back on the bed and died instantly.

For many years Capt. Collier was an A. C. L. conductor and ran on the train between this city and Goldsboro. The train is known all through this section as "Capt. Jack's train." About a year ago at the age of 71 having served one year longer than is necessary for retirement with continued pay, Capt. Collier quit the railroad, and has been living in Goldsboro since that time. He was a familiar figure on our streets and his friends will miss his cheery greeting.

Another link between Smithfield and Capt. Collier was the fact that he married a Smithfield young lady, Miss Caroline Fuller, sister of our townsman, Mr. W. L. Fuller, who with six children survives him. There are two sons, Messrs George and John Collier, and four daughters, Mrs. Bordes Cobb, Misses Elizabeth and Susan Collier and Cara Fuller Collier. The funeral will be held this afternoon at Goldsboro.

## BIG CORPORATION TO RUN REDRYING PLANTS

RICHMOND, Va., April 22.—The Southern State Tobacco Co., Inc., of Richmond, chartered here yesterday, plans to take over and operate the redrying plants of the Universal, J. P. Taylor, Gorman & Willingham Tobacco Companies scattered through out the Southern belt, it was learned today.

The object of the consolidation, it was said, is to place the redrying plants under one management in order that the owners of the properties may be better prepared to deal with the tobacco growers co-operative association in making contracts for the rehandling of leaf tobacco placed in its hands by the 70,000 or more growers who have signed the association's contract through which all the tobacco they produce during the next five years will be handled. It is not the intention of the company to build any more redrying plants within the immediate future it was stated.—News & Observer.

## ALLEN WILL MANAGE POU CAMPAIGN IN WAKE

Daniel Allen, known throughout Raleigh, Wake County, and the Fourth Congressional District as one of its leading business men, and one who from time to time has taken a hand in political matters, offered his services to Congressman E. F. Pou in his contest for re-nomination, and will act as his manager in Wake county, according to a statement given out yesterday.

Mr. Allen had made a careful survey of the district several days before the unexpected entry of Willie M. Person on Friday and of Solicitor H. E. Norris on Saturday, and said yesterday he is confident that Mr. Pou will receive a majority of the vote in the district when they are cast on June 3. A second primary will not be needed, in his opinion.—News & Observer.

## Drainage Conference at Goldsboro.

All arrangements have been completed by the N. C. Drainage Association for their annual convention that is to be held in Goldsboro Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Approximately 1000 delegates have been named from every section of the State to attend this convention and indications are that it will be the greatest gathering in the history of the organization.

In addition to interesting addresses from Senator Borah, Congressman Bankhead and Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, other speakers of national reputation will address the convention.

## DOCTORS IN RUSSIA HELPLESS AS DEATH SWEEPS POPULATION

Hospital Attaches, Overworked and Underfed, Succumb Under Strain, People Dying In Streets.

PARIS, April 20.—Russia's population is dying at such an appalling rate, declared reports received today by American relief agencies in Paris, that doctors are unable to cope with the situation. In many cases, the reports said, physicians, nurses and hospital internes are succumbing to impoverishment and overwork, and pedestrians are dying on the streets daily.

The situation throughout the country is assuming grave proportions. The spring thaw is causing rivers and other water courses to become polluted with bacilli.

The Moscow headquarters of the American Relief Administration today telegraphed an urgent request to the American Red Cross in Paris to ship immediately 4,000,000 doses of vaccine to combat cholera, typhoid and paratyphoid. The American Red Cross already has sent 10,000,000 doses of vaccines for other diseases.

The Pasteur Institute is working night and day to complete requisitions which are the largest in the history of the institute. A ton of serums is dispatched from Paris to Moscow every week by American relief authorities. The value is so great that shipments carry double insurance and are conveyed by armed couriers.—Associated Press.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY TO HAVE EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Organization Effected to Have In Charge The Placing of County Exhibit at State Fair.

A group of interested persons met last Saturday in Smithfield and organized a subsidiary organization to the State Agricultural Society, to be known henceforth as "The Johnston County Exhibit Association." It will include the State Fair vice-presidents as members of its board of directors.

Mr. W. M. Sanders, who is also a director in the State Fair society was elected president and treasurer; Sam T. Honeycutt, secretary and A. M. Johnson, manager.

The Board of directors elected is W. H. Austin, J. P. Parker, S. T. Honeycutt, J. H. B. Tomlinson, S. P. Honeycutt, W. H. Flowers, C. W. Horne, W. R. Sanders, Clayton, A. M. Johnson, P. B. Chamblee, W. M. Sanders, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, D. B. Oliver, J. R. Ledbetter, and Mrs. C. V. Johnson.

The county has appropriated \$500 to put on the exhibit at the State Fair. The officers and the manager have already secured pledges from farmers and others to grow and deliver specific produce for the exhibit and deliver it at Smithfield and Raleigh this fall. But they want more and are urging other farmers to specify what they can produce of number one quality and inform the manager about it, right away before the planting season is over.

A leaflet will be printed to be distributed at the Booth at the State Fair, telling about Johnston County's resources and the names of the folks who contributed produce for the exhibit. This bulletin will show why Johnston County stands 45th in the United States in production and how she got there. It will be carried to the corners of the state, at least, and should be a pulling instrument in getting more good settlers and landowners in Johnston.

The manager is saying little as to just what kind of an exhibit he will put on. He says he wants to keep a few things under his hat for fear that the other competing counties might beat him at his own game. He says however that if our farmers here produce and deliver the goods we need not worry about the results, and that then will be time enough to crow about Johnston and her "ever-day" folks.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting

Rev. E. B. Booker has arranged for a fifth Sunday meeting at Beatty Chapel Baptist church at the Smithfield Cotton Mills, April 30. The services will be held both morning and afternoon. A speaker from Raleigh has been secured to help out in the speaking. The Benson Grove singing class will come and furnish part of the music.

## N. C. OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

For Well Balanced System Of Agriculture; Industrial Communities

By JOHN PAUL LUCAS

RALEIGH, April 24.—North Carolina, with its 55 cities and towns of more than 2500 population and its numberless industrial settlements, offers to its farmers a greater opportunity for a well rounded, well balanced, profitable system of agriculture than is offered by any state in the Union. The urban population of the State, aggregating a total of approximately 600,000 people, affords an unexcelled market for all sorts of food supplies, including dairy and poultry products. This part of our population is sending out of this state at the present time for food products not less than \$100,000,000 a year, practically all of which could be turned into the pockets of our farmers if they would, as they could, produce the food supplies for which it is spent.

There is probably not a State in the Union in which the agricultural and industrial communities are so well balanced. The farm lands of North Carolina are worth slightly more than \$1,000,000,000. The investment in industries in North Carolina reaches the magnificent total of \$943,000,000. The industries of North Carolina have been advantaged immensely during the past few years as a result of the agitation and propaganda for buying Carolina Manufactured Products. Unquestionably the sentiment in the state at the present time is strongly favorably to home products. The farmers of North Carolina can take advantage of this sentiment if they will but produce the food supplies which are needed in the cities and in our industrial communities and if a practical system of marketing can be worked out.

## What Industry Means to Farmers.

Considerable thought has been devoted recently to the interdependence of our agricultural and industrial communities. We have always considered ourselves an agricultural State—and we are, holding high rank as we do in the value of our agricultural products. But during recent years we have taken a high position also as an industrial State, having today probably a greater diversity of industries than any state in the Union and being among the eight or ten leading industrial states.

In the industrial development of the State the farmers find their greatest opportunity. Our cotton mills, furniture and tobacco factories and other industries, through the tremendous aggregate of taxes which they pay, are making possible the rapid development of good roads systems and the betterment of our schools and other civic institutions, but even in this matter does not lie their greatest value from the standpoint of the farmer. Industrial workers and the people of our cities devote their entire time to manufacturing, commercial or other activities. These people would prefer to buy home grown and home produced food supplies. Here lies the farmers' opportunity.

## How To Use the Opportunity.

Before North Carolina farmers can claim the market offered within their own borders for the \$100,000,000 worth of food products purchased by our cities and industrial communities, however, they must learn to live at home themselves. When they learn to produce at home in ample quantities and of good quality the food products which is needed for a well balanced, wholesome ration, they will be in position to produce a surplus for the market—and not before can they hope to divert these millions from the pockets of farmers and dealers in other states to their own pockets.

## THE ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS TO BE AT FOUR OAKS

The Orphanage Singing Class from the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh will give a concert at the Methodist church in Four Oaks next Sunday afternoon, April 30, at three o'clock.

This concert given by the orphan children is of the very best and every body should hear them. There will be no charges nor collections.